SOAPS & LEAKS OUT OF OUR RIVERS & CREEKS

We need our vehicles for work and recreation - maintaining them is important. It's also important to maintain our waterways by preventing automotive fluids and chemicals from polluting them!





Regularly inspect your vehicle and home driveway or parking space for any signs of an oil or fluid leak. If a leak spill is found, apply sawdust or cat litter over the spill to absorb the fluid and then sweep up the material. NEVER hose leaked fluid out into the street!



Use a professional oil change or mechanic shop for auto maintenance whenever possible. If changing motor oil or working on an engine at home, drain any used oil or auto fluids into a reuseable, sealable container and properly dispose of it at the City of San Antonio's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-Off Center or at a local recycling center.



When washing your vehicle at home, park it on your front lawn or grassy property instead of on your driveway - grass can help catch soapy runoff before it flows down the street and into storm drains. Use a paid car wash facility whenever possible - these have special ground drains installed which capture and recycle water runoff.

Seal and store any unused motor oil, automotive fluids and cleaning products in dry, safe household areas according to manufacturer directions.



DON'T GET FINED: Illicit dumping or spilling of motor oil and other household hazardous waste chemical products in streets, storm drains, drainage ditches and other City-owned rights-of-way is against the law (San Antonio City Ordinances (Section 34-702, Prohibited discharges into the MS4, and Section 34-704, Placing household hazardous wastes into the MS4).

